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Applicant: Christian Knöpfle et al. Group Art Unit: 3738
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

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In response to the restriction requirement included in the Office Action of October 16, 2002, Applicant elects the second species, specifically Figures 1, 3, and 9 relating to claims 1-12, for prosecution on the merits.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 08-2789.

Respectfully submitted,


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I hereby certify that the attached **Response to Restriction Requirement** for Serial Number 09/921,233, filed August 1, 2001, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on **November 12, 2002**.


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